

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)	Attorney Dock t Number	#903
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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"MESSAGE TABLE FOR ADJUSTING SPINAL AREA"

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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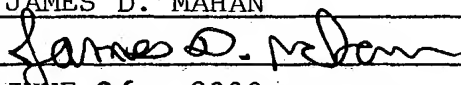
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Title: "MESSAGE TABLE FOR ADJUSTING SPINAL AREA"

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

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